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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 24 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	3931st meeting*	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Africa

   Rapport of the Secretary-General on the causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa (S/1998/318)

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* To be held at the level of Foreign Ministers.

Announcement

The Security Council will hold an open meeting on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 10.30 a.m., at which it will consider the report of the Secretary-General to the Security Council on Protection for Humanitarian Assistance to Refugees and Others in Conflict Situations (S/1998/883).

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 13th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Jacob Nena, President of the Federated States of Micronesia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Carlos Roberto Flores Facusée, Constitutional President of the Republic of Honduras.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Rafael Caldera, President of the Republic of Venezuela.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Benjamin Netanyahu, Prime Minister, and Minister of Housing, Construction and Religious Affairs of the State of Israel.

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of India.

   Poland

   Address by His Excellency Mr. Mesut Yilmaz, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkey.

   Bulgaria

3 p.m. 14th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Armando Calderón Sol, President of the Republic of El Salvador.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Petru Lucinschi, President of the Republic of Moldova.

3. Address by His Excellency Mr. Abdulsalami Abubakar, Head of State, Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

4. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   Monaco

   Guinea

   Lebanon

   Slovakia

   Netherlands

   Greece

   Morocco

   Cuba

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Draft reports

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMME AND OPERATIONAL QUESTIONS (CCPOQ)

4 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

Announcement

The daily briefing of the Spokesman for the Secretary-General for press officers of Member States of the United Nations is suspended during the general debate of the General Assembly (21 September-2 October). Live coverage of the Spokesman's noon briefing can be seen in Screening Room 4.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 24 September 1998

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)
(Second Informal Consultations of the Council for Foreign and Community Relations (COFCOR))

9.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

Ministerial meeting

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

GROUP OF 77
(on consumer protection)

3 p.m.-5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE WHOLE

4.45 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

RIO GROUP - REPUBLIC OF KOREA

5 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

CENTRAL AMERICA GROUP
(with Canada)

6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 25 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 15th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Robert Kocharian, President of the Republic of Armenia.

2. Address by His Excellency Mr. Glafcos Clerides, President of the Republic of Cyprus.

3. Continuation of the general debate [9]:

   New Zealand

   Republic of Korea

   Egypt

   Luxembourg

   Canada

   Viet Nam

3 p.m. 16th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Continuation of the general debate [9]:

Estonia

Bahrain

Address by His Excellency Mr. Barnabas Sibusio Dlamini, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Swaziland

Romania

Mongolia

Kuwait

Thailand

Qatar

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the Secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee is open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in *the Trusteeship Council Chamber*. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for *all items* allocated to the Third Committee are open for inscription by delegations. The Committee will begin its substantive work (in accordance with document A/C.3/53/L.1, as approved by the Committee at its second meeting) on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3 p.m., with agenda item 100 (Social development). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Secretary of the Committee (Ms. Kate Starr Newell, tel.: 212-963-4248; fax: 212-963-5935).

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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SIXTH COMMITTEE

The Working Group established by the Sixth Committee, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 52/165, will hold its firts meeting on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

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SECURITY COUNCIL

The United Nations Special Commission (UNSCOM), established under Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, will hold its sixteenth plenary session from Monday, 28 September, to Thursday, 1 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be informal consultations on United Nations guidelines for sustainable consumption to be chaired by Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), Vice-Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development on Monday, 28 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room E and on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room 8.

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An informal consultation on the organization of work for the forty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women will be convened by the bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 1. A background paper to facilitate the discussion has been prepared by the secretariat of the Division for the Advancement of Women and will be available at the offices of the Division (room DC2-1216).

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

The twelfth meeting of the Inter-Agency Committee on Sustainable Development (IACSD) will take place on 28 and 29 September and the IACSD Task Force on National Strategies for Sustainable Development will meet on 30 September 1998 at the United Nations Office at Geneva, in Conference Room VIII.

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FIFTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General debate
(21 September-2 October 1998)

The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) for the general debate of the fifty-third session of the General Assembly is now available at the General Assembly Servicing Branch (S-2935G). The provisional list of speakers (No. 5) has also been sent by facsimile directly to Permanent Representatives to the United Nations.

The list is also available on the Internet through the United Nations Home Page: www.un.org/ga/53/session/list53.htm.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Group of 77 will hold their Twenty-second Annual Ministerial Meeting at Headquarters on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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There will be a joint meeting of the African Group and the Arab Group on Tuesday, 29 September 1998, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

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Briefing

H.E. The Honourable Lloyd Axworthy, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Canada, and H.E. Mr. Knut Vollebaek, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway, will hold a special information briefing on small arms and light weapons on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 9 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Foreign Ministers and/or their designates, as well as interested Secretariat officials, are invited to attend.

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Seminars

There will be a seminar, co-sponsored by the Permanent Missions of Canada and Norway to the United Nations, on Friday, 25 September 1998, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 3. The seminar, which is organized by the British American Security Information Council (BASIC), will assess the impact of small arms proliferation and investigate ways in which the United Nations can offer solutions to the problem. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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A seminar on the theme "At the Nexus of Social and Environmental Policy: Making Sustainable Development Work", organized by the World Bank, will take place on Wednesday, 30 September 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Mr. Ian Johnson, Vice-President for Environmentally and Socially Sustainable Development, and Ms. Gloria Davis, Director of the World Bank's Social Development Department, will make presentations. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Ministerial meeting

The Eighth Annual Ministerial Meeting of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) will be held on Monday, 28 September 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 22 September 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 2) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Togo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Chapter.

Address by H.E. Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania

H.E. Mr. Valdas Adamkus, President of the Republic of Lithuania, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mrs. Janet Jagan, President of the Republic of Guyana

H.E. Mrs. Janet Jagan, President of the Republic of Guyana, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay

H.E. Mr. Raúl Cubas Grau, President of the Republic of Paraguay, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Isack Mudenge, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Zimbabwe; H.E. Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic; H.E. Mr. Niels Helveg Petersen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Denmark; H.E. Mr. Aquilino Boyd, Chairman of the Delegation of Panama; H.E. Mr. Erik Derycke, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Belgium; H.E. Ms. Tarja Halonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland; H.E. The Hon. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Namibia and H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simão, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mozambique.

Wednesday, 23 September 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

3930th meeting

Letter dated 11 March 1998 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/223)

Letter dated 27 March 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1998/272)

Report of the Secretary-General prepared pursuant to resolution 1160 (1998) of the Security Council (S/1998/834 and Add.1)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Germany and Italy, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/1998/882, which had been submitted by France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Portugal, Slovenia, Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution before it (S/1998/882).

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and China.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/1998/882) received 14 votes in favour, none against and one abstention (China), and was adopted as resolution 1199 (1998).

Following the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom and the United States.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

11th plenary meeting

Address by H. E. Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia

H. E. Mr. Andrés Pastrana Arango, President of the Republic of Colombia, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H. E. Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname

H. E. Mr. Jules Wijdenbosch, President of the Republic of Suriname, addressed the General Assembly.

Address by H.E. The Hon. Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs, Minister of External Communications and Outer Islands, Minister for Civil Service Affairs and Minister of Urban and Rural Development of the Republic of Mauritius

H.E. The Hon. Dr. Navinchandra Ramgoolam, Prime Minister, Minister of Defence and Home Affairs, Minister of External Communications and Outer Islands, Minister for Civil Service Affairs and Minister of Urban and Rural Development of the Republic of Mauritius, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate [9]

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Tang Jiaxuan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of China; H.E. Mr. Hubert Védrine, Minister for Foreign Affairs of France; H.E. Mr. Lamberto Dini, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Italy; H.E. The Hon. Mr. Rashid Abdullah Al-Noaimi, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates and H.E. Mr. Jean-Charles Okoto Lolakombe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

12th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 12th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/184).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 1998

481st meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the initial report of Ecuador (CRC/C/3/Add.44).

482nd meeting

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Iraq (CRC/C/41/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 19 May 1956

Accession: Islamic Republic of Iran (17 September 1998)*

Protocol to the Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR). Geneva, 5 July 1978

Accession: Islamic Republic of Iran (17 September 1998)

Amendments to articles 16, 17 and 19 (b) of the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. Geneva, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Nepal (22 September 1998)*

International Convention for the Suppression of Terrorist Bombings. New York, 15 December 1997

Signature: Philippines (23 September 1998)
Venezuela (23 September 1998)

* The date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation of a gift

A gift from the Government and People of the Slovak Republic will be presented to the United Nations at a ceremony to be held *today*, 24 September 1998, at 12.45 p.m. in the first basement of the Conference building (near the Viennese Cafe).

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Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 24 September 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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